

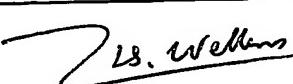
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International application No.

PCT/AU2004/000460

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished

- the description:

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- the claims:

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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
- the sequence listing (*specify*):
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1- 18	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1- 18	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1- 18	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

- (1) WO 1997/006940 A1 (VINIDEX TUBEMAKERS PTY LIMITED et al) 27 February 1997
- (2) WO 1997/010096 A1 (VINIDEX TUBEMAKERS PTY LIMITED et al) 20 March 1997
- (3) WO 1996/036475 A1 (PEDERSEN) 21 November 1996

Novelty (N) and Inventive Step (IS) claims 1- 18

The invention defined in claim 1 is directed at a process of controlling the circumferential draw ratio during the production of oriented plastic tube, by adjusting the diameter of the extruded tube by means of a variable calibrator located between the extrusion step and the temperature conditioning step.

Although documents D1 and D2 teach methods of producing oriented plastic tube and D3 teaches the use of calibrating units in machines for extruding plastic tube, there is no implication that the circumferential draw ratio may be controlled by locating the calibrator between the extrusion step and the temperature conditioning step of the process.

Consequently claims 1- 18 are novel and involve an inventive step.

Industrial Applicability (IA) claims 1- 18

Industrial applicability is self evident.